

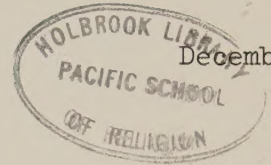
News Notes

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DR. ALBERT OUTLER

will be the speaker at the Inaugural Dinner of the Council of Protestant Colleges and Universities -

MONDAY - JANUARY 5, 1959 - 6:15 P.M.
WINDSOR ROOM HOTEL PHILLIPS
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Reservations have started to come in quantity. Please send yours as soon as possible; space is not unlimited.

The Council will hold its first business session Tuesday morning. On the agenda:

- Report of the Nominating Committee
- Preliminary report on Constitution and By-Laws
- Plans for office and staff leadership
- 1959 Budget
- Panel - "The Churches' Support of Their Colleges"
- Discussion of the Meaning for Church Colleges of the "National Defense Education Act"

Elsewhere we mention as important reading the book, "Religion and the State University". The Conference on this theme held at the University of Michigan was not up to the standard of the book. Perhaps it couldn't be with the diversity of outlook and background of the delegates. However, it was an important conference and suggests the following all too brief comment:

1. The State Universities are teaching and will probably increasingly teach religion. "In more than two-thirds of our state universities and land-grant colleges, through departments or affiliated schools of religion, instruction in religion for academic credit is available to the students." Clarence Shedd. An incomplete survey shows 10 state universities have departments of religion.
2. In the carefully considered judgement of law professor Kauper of the University of Michigan, the principle of separation of church and state is in no way a barrier to this.

3. This has serious significance for Protestant churches and their colleges.

- a. It should be encouraged and supported since it will help make state supported education more adequate and complete and help us be a better informed people in the whole field of religion. However, Protestantism had better get its best minds in on the discussion if it is to have its theological convictions taken seriously, and is not to continue to be classified as a kind of genial religious eclecticism with no philosophy of education.
- b. Protestant church colleges should encourage this trend though for a while it may mean stiff competition for the services of our best teachers in the field. A longer view obviously reveals that it will increase the number of well-trained teachers in the field, and if strong universities establish graduate departments, we may get sorely needed research and advanced study. Some colleges are afraid that this will eliminate their claim to uniqueness. If a Christian college is nothing more than an institution that can teach courses in religion, then our case is indeed weak. However, it does add urgency to the need of clarifying our Protestant understanding of the proper relation of faith and learning.

RELIGION
IN
THE
STATE
UNIVERSITY

Milburn P. Akers, Executive Editor, Chicago Sun-Times, demonstrated as well as advocated the layman's concern for Christian colleges at the Fourth Conference for Church College Trustees held at Dallas, Texas, November 13-14. After his address, he flew all night to return to an important conference in Chicago. John O. Gross, Methodist Board of Education, stressed the importance of "quality", "Christian", and "free" education, and Forrest Williams, First National Bank, Chicago, led a most illuminating discussion on "The Investment of College Funds". Plans are under way for another Junaluska Trustees Conference, June 26-28, 1959.

TRUSTEES
CONFERENCE

Sampling of boards of 45 colleges, made by Gerald P. Burns, Vice President of Reed College, showed the following averages:

Number of trustees per board - 22.4; term of office - 4.8 years;
meetings yearly - 6.6; length of meetings - 4.2 hours;
hours per month given by trustees to fund raising - 14.9; and
to other matters - 11.8 hours.

TRUSTEE
INFORMATION

Only 20 per cent reported trustees were given any training in their responsibilities. "Bulletin" American Association of Fund Raising Counsel.

"Religion and the State University", University of Michigan Press
Excellent discussion of this difficult and complex problem. Chapters by such men as John Courtney Murray, Roland Bainton, Will Herberg, Kenneth Boulding, etc.

"The Marks of Christian Education", F. Gerald Ensley, The Methodist Publishing House. Christian higher education as seen by an able, informed, thoughtful, Methodist Bishop. "Christian Education any development of the powers and faculties of human beings whose controlling principle is Christian".

WELL
WORTH
READING

"Conscience on the Campus", Waldo Beach, Association Press
"Moral dilemmas of our modern university life from the students' point of view".

"Christian Obedience in the University", David McCaughey, British S.C.M. Press

"Doctoral Dissertations in the Field of Religion, 1940-1952", Review of Religion, Vol. XVIII Supplement, Columbia University Press.

Journal of Negro Education, Vol. XXVII, Summer 1958

"The Future of the Desegregated Negro College"

Same Journal, Vol. XXVII, Spring 1958

"Role Behaviour of Students from Negro Colleges in a Non-segregated University Situation" - Comparison of two groups of Negro students - Northern Negroes from interracial schools and Southern Negroes from segregated Negro colleges:

"Advance" National Journal of Congregational-Christian Churches, Vol. 150, No. 15, September 12, 1958. Special issue - "The Common Cause of Church and College". Excellent helpful material.

"The Sports and Recreational Programs of the Nation's Universities and Colleges". The National Collegiate Athletic Association (209 Fairfax Building, Kansas City 5, Missouri) A study of the athletic programs of our universities and colleges that reveals "two startling shortcomings-

COLLEGE

1. Critical lack of indoor and outdoor facilities.

ATHLETICS

2. Inadequate provision for required physical education. There is a continual disregard for the physical welfare of the student."

"Need a Lift" - a helpful guide to scholarship information for prospective college students put out by The American Legion (15¢). Information on scholarships for the children of veterans but also information on scholarships for all and a good bibliography for further information.

SCHOLARSHIP

INFORMATION

Education and Scholarship Committee
The American Legion P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Educational Record, July 1958 - "Intellect and Inequality in American Education". A thoughtful discussion of the problem of giving the gifted all the education possible without creating a privileged elite. A subject well worth careful thought by Christians. In the same issue - "Call Me Doctor". Is it false modesty not to claim your title when you hold a degree? If brains become respectable it may boost egos to admit evidence of having some.

EQUAL

HOW?

The Library of General Theological Library, 53 Mt. Vernon St., Boston 8, Mass., "invites clergymen and laymen of all religious faiths to use its collection of over 45,000 books and periodicals on religion and related subjects. Books may be borrowed by mail - write for Quarterly Bulletin."

Among the better stories, quotes, etc.:

"Someone, I understand, has written a play which relates how the management of Life magazine, by the exercise of such influence as only Life can wield, succeeded in getting a reporter admitted to heaven, with permission to bring back a story. On his return, a special meeting of all editors and assistant editors was assembled to hear the report.

"What was it like?" asked the editor-in-chief eagerly. "Describe heaven for us. Did you meet God?"

"Yes," answered the reporter, "I met God."

"Tell us about it," urged the editor-in-chief. "What is God like?"

"Well," said the reporter, "there are some surprising things about God. In the first place, She is a Negro."

From an address, "The Church Faces American Culture", by Dr. Truman B. Douglass Board of Home Missions of the Congregational-Christian Churches. The whole address is well worth reading.

"The inertia of the intelligent is almost as dangerous as the notice of the noise of the ignorant." Ralph W. Sockman at the Cleveland Conference on World Order.

"Changing a university curriculum is something like moving a cemetery." Statement of a former President of Stanford, quoted by Lewis W. Jones at the Conference on Religion at the State University, Ann Arbor.

Others at the same conference:

"The University has done a pretty good job of schooling but not such a good job of education." - Lewis W. Jones.

"Maybe the university is baffled by the divisions in the churches, but we are also baffled by the divisions in the university, Dr. Kerr of the University of California said recently. 'The University is a group of buildings connected only by the plumbing'" James R. Hine.

Some have enjoyed pointing to "gobledgook" in government publications, forgetting that it can be found in business and education. Here is an example from a recent study on why people enter college teaching -

"The individual selects a profession that according to his concept of it and himself in it, seems to him to satisfy most adequately the needs he feels the strongest pressure to fulfill."

Cute typographical error in the manuscript of a proposed book on the ministry - "Churches, like people, have parsonalities. They are influenced by their surroundings."

Are all our colleges aware that Public Law 85-859 contains repeals of Federal Manufacturers' and Retailers' excise taxes for non-profit educational institutions? A similar exemption on federal transportation tax is also provided.

TAX
EXEMPTION

Included with this issue of "News Notes" is a page of Suggestions for the College Promotion of National Christian College Day. The committee that prepared this reports that the 1958 observance was the most effective yet. A more detailed report will appear later. Information Service is again cooperating with us in producing a special issue to appear some time in January.

NATIONAL
CHRISTIAN
COLLEGE
DAY

Also included is an order form for "Invest Your Summer" - a catalogue of summer service opportunities for students.

THE LAST WORD

A gentleman has been defined as one who never insults another unintentionally.

We are sure that no college or university wishes to unintentionally fail to send in its check for the Commission on Higher Education, so we add this final reminder.

GREETINGS AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

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Commission on Higher Education